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TO DUNISH COMMANDER.

German Foreign Office Plans Step in Arabic Case.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The commander of the German submarine which sent the Arabic to the bottom is being punished by the German Government, according to a report from Berlin. It is said that the German Foreign Office has let it be known unofficially that it is willing to take such action and then consider the incident closed.

Reports from Berlin indicate that there is developing a considerable movement to the Pacific policy of the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, who is known to be the chief propagator of the movement. A considerable number of friendly relations between Germany and the United States. This opposition, nourished chiefly by the militarist elements, is showing its effect upon the Chancellor and has started a publicity campaign with a view to discrediting the Chancellor in the eyes of the German public and "weakening" who has bowed to the American demands instead of upholding German policy.

In other quarters the belief is spreading that there will be a sudden turn in the Chancellor's sudden turn from insistence on "the laws of expediency" to a retreat in the Arabic incident and the entire submarine question. These circles predict that this retreat will be followed promptly by increased pressure upon Washington to lend its hand in active support of the German "struggle for the freedom of the seas," with the ultimate view of lifting the British food blockade.

PASSENGERS NOT FOES.

German Paper Says Their Peril Was Never Part of U Boat Plan.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—"The difficulty created by the sinking of the Arabic will be settled," says the *Vossische Zeitung*, "in an editorial to-day in which it is asserted that 'it was never the design of Germany, in pursuing her submarine war, to endanger passengers aboard great liners.' The paper continues:

"We have a strong desire for an agreement with America following the instructions issued by the American Government, which gained the basis for further discussion and promised satisfactory results."

AWAITS ARABIC REPORT.

Berlin Editor Says Facts Leading to Sinking Are Not Clear.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—Georg Bernhard has a long editorial in the *Vossische Zeitung*, which the Overseas News Agency summarizes as follows:

"Mr. Bernhard reiterates that the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Arabic are not clear. He says that only one of two things is possible—either that the captain of the submarine feared that his vessel would be rammed or otherwise attacked, or that the Arabic was not torpedoed at all, but struck by a mine."

REPROACHES PRESIDENT.

German Authority Objects to Citation in Note to Austria.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—Paul Elincke, the German authority quoted in the American press regarding the Austrian protests against the shipments of American arms and ammunition to the Allies, publishes to-day a reply to President Wilson regarding the article in the *Washington Post* which contained a certain sentence from his (Elincke's) writing without reading the entire paragraph.

"I must object," he writes, "to the crown witness by President Wilson for his present attitude," he writes. He argues that under special circumstances the prohibition of the export of arms and munitions to the belligerents and the practice of such right, he adds, can never be considered an unfriendly act by the belligerents having accepted the article in question.

Herr Elincke calls attention to the fact that neutrals are entitled to alter the regulations of neutrality if such a step should be found necessary for guarding neutral rights.

FEAR LOSING CASH FROM U. S.

Hungarians, Therefore, Want Germany to End U Boat Dispute.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 31.—The correspondent of the *Morning Post* at Budapest, writing under date of August 24, says that the Hungarians hope that the threatened breach of American neutrality will result in more than 500,000 Hungarians are dependent on relatives living in America. The Hungarians in America send \$120,000,000 annually to their families in Hungary. In the event of a breach with America half a million Hungarian citizens would thus be dependent upon the State for support. For this reason, among others, it is understood, the Austro-Hungarian Government is pressing the German Government to reach an amicable settlement with America respecting the submarine issue.

SUBMARINES TOLL 77 SHIPS.

British Tonnage Destroyed in 3 Months 150,713.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The losses to British shipping from submarines and other hostile craft and from mines for the quarterly period ended August 12 amounted to sixty-eight ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 150,713, and nine sailing vessels.

These figures are contained in Lloyd's quarterly report, given out to-day.

U. S. SHIP SAVES SYRIANS.

Brings to Crete 470 Refugees Expelled by Turks.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Bringing 470 refugees expelled by the Turks from Beirut, Syria, the United States scout ship Chester has arrived at Crete, according to a dispatch from Athens. The Chester will soon return to Beirut for another shipment of Europeans who have been ordered out of Turkey.

Another American ship, with refugees from Alexandria, Asiatic Turkey, is expected at Cana.

BRITAIN SAYS GERMANY SOUGHT SHAM NEUTRALITY

Foreign Office Declares That in 1912 Berlin Tried to Bind England to Peace While Kaiser's Empire Would Be Free to Fight.

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LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Foreign Office today issued the promised statement covering the Anglo-German negotiations in 1912, when Lord Haldane was in Berlin. The statement declares that the recent version of the negotiations published by the official German Government organ, the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, is misleading in that it is making it appear that Great Britain rejected a reasonable offer of friendship.

The Imperial German Chancellor, according to the Foreign Office statement, submitted to Lord Haldane a formula in which the mutual desire for peace and friendship was affirmed and agreements were suggested for mutual abstention from unprovoked attacks and for the two countries should be involved in the event of a war without being the aggressor. However, this neutrality agreement was not to apply if irreconcilable with existing alliances, which the statement says were new agreements making impossible the observance of neutrality outside such limitation was excluded.

"Owing to the general position of the European Powers and treaty engagements, the result would have been that while Germany was free to make a European conflict would have remained free to support her friends, this country would have been forbidden to raise a finger in her defense of hers."

"Germany could arrange without difficulty that the formal inception of hostilities should rest upon Austria. It is stated that what occurred at the end of July, 1914, while as soon as Russia was attacked by two Powers, France was bound to come to her assistance."

"In other words, the pledge of neutrality offered by Germany would have been absolutely useless, since she could always plead the necessity of fulfilling the existing obligations under the Triple Alliance as an excuse for departing from her neutrality."

"On the other hand, no such departure, however serious the provocation, would have been possible for this country, which was bound by no alliances with Germany, and which was free to make a European conflict would have remained free to support her friends, this country would have been forbidden to raise a finger in her defense of hers."

"It was impossible for us to enter a contract of obvious inequity. Sir Edward Grey accordingly rejected the Ambassador's formula in word. As appeared in the *Vossische Zeitung*, the German proposal was rejected, and the British formula, which was to be without prejudice and not binding upon either side, was accepted."

"With regard to the naval question, Sir Edward Grey gave Ambassador Metternich the following draft of a formula: 'England will make no unprovoked attack upon Germany and will pursue the same policy towards her.'"

AUSTRIANS REPORTED

Evacuating Goritz on Western Front.

Italian Drive at Railway Causes Hasty Retreat of Garrison.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Aug. 31.—The Austrians are evacuating Goritz, according to a message which reached here late to-night. The stronghold, which has been the object of Italian aggression since the war began, is practically surrounded by the Italian troops.

The railway connecting Goritz with Trieste, however, still remains open and it is over this, according to the dispatches from the front, that the Austrian garrison is making its way in all haste. The Austrians are seriously threatened by the Italian advance.

There seems good reason to believe that a great number of Austrian soldiers are being evacuated from Goritz, and the Austrians are said to be advancing rapidly on the one means of retreat left, namely, the railroad to Trieste. Heavy artillery has been placed on the railway line, and the practice of such right, he adds, can never be considered an unfriendly act by the belligerents having accepted the article in question.

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